# Met Office Mountain Weather Forecast

## Mourne Mountains

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 11 Mar 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 12 Mar 2023

Forecast Issued on Saturday 11 Mar 2023 at 02:29

**Confidence:** High for cold and dry conditions to start Saturday but sleet or snow arriving in afternoon. High for milder weather on Sunday but turning very unsettled with rain and strong winds, then turning cold again early next week. Some uncertainty in rain or snow details so please keep updated with the forecast.

**Headline for Saturday 11 Mar 2023:** Dry morning then snow and low cloud arriving in afternoon with strengthening winds. Bitterly cold on the tops.

**Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 11 Mar 2023**

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|---|---|---|
| **Blizzards**<br>Medium Likelihood | **Heavy persistent snow**<br>Medium Likelihood | **Storm force winds**<br>No Likelihood |
| **Gales**<br>No Likelihood | **Severe chill effect**<br>Medium Likelihood | **Poor visibility**<br>High Likelihood |
| **Thunderstorms**<br>No Likelihood | **Heavy persistent rain**<br>No Likelihood | **Strong sunlight**<br>No Likelihood |

| **Weather and chance of precipitation at 700m** | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Time | | | | | |
| 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 |
| | | | | | |
| Dull | Sleet | Cloudy | Sleet | Heavy Rain | Heavy Rain |
| Precipitation probability | | | | | |
| 20% | <05% | 40% | 70% | 70% | 70% |

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**Weather:** A cloudy start with outbreaks of sleet and snow arriving from the west, some drier periods through the morning but turning heavy and persistent for a few hours with blizzards on the high tops. The snow will turn to rain at all levels through the afternoon..

**Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 700m:** 70%, becoming 10% in the afternoon.

**Low cloud and visibility:** Moderate visibility in the morning. Deteriorating quite quickly in the afternoon, becoming very poor in snow with extensive cloud above 300m and blizzards on the tops.

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**Forecast for Saturday 11 Mar 2023**

| Height (m) | Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from) | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 | 00:00 |
| **600** | 17/25 SE | 25/34 SE | 25/37 SE | 27/40 SE | 23/35 SE | 13/19 SE | 35/51 W |
| **300** | 8/16 SE | 13/23 SE | 13/25 SE | 15/28 SE | 12/23 SE | 8/13 SE | 17/34 W |
| **Valley** | 7/16 SE | 12/23 SE | 11/25 SE | 13/27 SE | 10/23 SE | 5/12 SE | 14/32 W |

| Height (m) | Temperature / Feels Like (°C) | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 | 00:00 |
| **600** | -1/-7 | -1/-9 | -1/-8 | -1/-8 | -0/-7 | 1/-3 | 4/-3 |
| **300** | 0/-4 | 0/-5 | 1/-4 | 1/-4 | 2/-3 | 2/-1 | 4/-1 |
| **Valley** | 1/-2 | 1/-4 | 2/-2 | 2/-3 | 2/-2 | 2/0 | 5/1 |
| **Freezing Level*** | 300m | 400m | 400m | 500m | 700m | 1600m | 1400m |

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

**Meteorologist's View**

Good conditions to start the day but note that conditions will deteriorate during the afternoon with sleet or snow combined with strong winds on the tops.

**Forecast for Sunday 12 Mar 2023**

**Weather:** Rain at midnight quickly clearing. Bright interludes and patchy light rain during the day with much milder conditions. Rain turning heavy in the evening accompanied by strong southerly winds. Thawing snow and slush giving heavy and slippery underfoot conditions.

**Maximum wind:** South or Southwest 30 to 35mph gusts 45 to 50mph.

**Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 700m:** 10% improving to 60% in the morning, becoming 10% in the afternoon.

**Low cloud and visibility:** Extensive cloud and fog above 400m becoming patchy and lifting to 700m in the morning. Deteriorating in the afternoon, becoming poor at times in rain with extensive cloud developing, bases 400 to 600m.

**Temperature:** **Valleys:** Plus 6C rising to 9 or 10C.
**At 700m:** Plus 3 or 4C.
**Freezing level:** Above summits.

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